

REMARKS

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner characterizes inventions K-M as being related as combination and sub-combination. While this may be true, it is noted that the inventions of Claim Groups L and M are directed to preferred embodiments, namely computer implementations of the Claim Group K invention. Infringement of the Claim Group L and/or the Claim Group M inventions necessarily will involve infringement of the Claim Group K invention. The Claim Group L and Claim Group M inventions are merely preferred embodiments. It is submitted that it would not be an unreasonable burden to the Examiner to search all three claim groups.

Notwithstanding, Applicant provisionally elects invention K, and requests that the non-elected claims be maintained in this application, without further action, for possible rejoinder and/or for filing of a divisional application.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

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